

I am shocked at Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force each of their 62 stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. Such behavior is illegal, of poor taste, and illustrates the dangers of media consolidation.

The public airways must serve the public interest, not an obviously partisan smear campaign. Since Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, it is paramount that licensing renewal guidelines are strict and observe the law to serve the public interest. Sinclair's actions show that when large companies control the airwaves, money and influence matter far more than providing communities with balanced and substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Please demand that Sinclair, and all other broadcasting companies, meet their duty of serving the public interest. Thank you.